

Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

San Jose, CA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of San Jose was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The city has 894,943 residents, many of whom live in neighborhoods that lack sufficient greenspace. The city's economic history includes both agriculture and industrial operations, leaving a great potential for brownfields. The community-wide brownfields assessment will be coordinated with the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative, which unites the city's communities, and Greenprint, the city's 20-year strategic plan for development of parks and community facilities. Brownfields cleanup is expected to revitalize older, former industrial areas of the city, and provide open space to the city's lower-income residents.



Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected San Jose for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to inventory and rank brownfield properties identified by the city and its Strong Neighborhoods Initiative. Funds also will be used to select brownfield properties that could be used to expand the city's open space, to perform up to 20 Phase I and up to ten Phase II assessments on the selected sites, and to conduct community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.